The close neighborhood of Cuba makes matter of the utmost importance to the United States. Our people have, for a long time, desired the acquisition of that island; but they have refused to do anything to acquire it which was not fair and proper. Our neutrality laws have been strictly enforced by the Whigs and by the Democrats; and no countenance has been given to illegal expeditions against the Spanish authority. Had our course been different, no sane man can doubt that Cuba would at this moment be free and independent.

We have kept our faith in this matter; and our honesty has been rewarded by injustice and outrage. In every quarter of the country there has been, for several years, a settled and fixed determination that whilst we would respect the rights of Spain in Cuba, we would not permit the island to pass under any other dominion but our own. This settled and fixed determination did not spring from cupidity but it emanated from an intelligent ices of the duties and obligations which the right of selfdefense imposes on every people. Cuba, under the control of Spain alone, could be made a source of annoyance to'us—our commerce might be interrupted and our citizens harassed—but no vital blow could be stricken from there by Spanish force. Therefore our people have been willing to see the neutrality laws enforced and Cuba continue a possession of Spain, un less it could be fairly bought by us.

But of late the aspect of affairs has changed in most important particulars. No man at all conversant with passing events, can doubt for a moment that England and France have established a sort of CUBAN PROTECTORATE—simed against the interests of the United States and giving to those allied nations the same power to harm us from Cuba as if the island belonged to them. The proposition for the tripartite convention made some time ago, and the recent activity of British men-of-war in transporting Spanish troops-sailing out of Havana with the English and Spanish flags entwined, leave no doubt or uncertainty. It is clear-perfectly clear—that a CUBAN PROTECTORATE has been established by England and France, and that the end, object, and purpose of the protectorate is hostility to the United States and to the most important interests of the people of the United

These circumstances strengthened and made more significant and alarming by the efforts to Africanize the island and by the arming and organizing of the free negroes has entirely changed the scope and bearing, the nature and character of the Cuban question. We are no longer called upon to decide whether we will consent that, after propositions to purchase. Cuba shall remain a Spanish province: but whether we will permit it to continue to be an English and French Protectorate, originating in hostility to us, and having nothing but hostile purposes for us.

At one time our Government seemed to have understood this matter in the light in which we view it. These views were distinctly announced to our Minister to Spain. The Black Warrior and other matters were not to be discussed separately. All was to be settled under the rights which a knowledge of the meaning the political relations of the southern States, of an English Protectorate derived from Cent I have considered it proper to do what, under trail America gave to us. The Ostend conferrother circumstances, I should have left to those tral America gave to us. The Ostend conference was suggested-pay, ordered-from Washington; and the distinguished men who met and conferred there, made recommendations in harmony with public sentiment in this country, and in accord with the principles which the Administration had announced to them.

Under these circumstances it is passing strange that Mesers. Mason, Buchanan, and Soule, should have been abandoned, nav. repudiated by the Government. We are not willing to believe that the Ostend conference was concocted for the purpose of wounding distinguished men. We cannot consent to admit that at any time such a purpose influenced the councils of an American administration. Rejecting such a supposition, as we are bound to do not pretend to be versed in all rules of statesmanship-we do not pretend to be adepts in the tortuous policy and cunning verbiage of trained diplomacy. We try to look things in the face and speak of them with direct and positive words. Having contracted these habits, we cannot understand why the positions assumed at the Ostend conference were so of politicians, and for the apprehension fears of weak men when the time of decisive service to the State of Alabama. action succeeds the time of loud boasts and valiant expressions; but whilst we understand and appreciate these things, we are at a towns, upon a careful revision of tables, preloss to divine why we have succombed to Spain in such a manner that an additional outrage has been offered to our flag, and so that cool, calm men are considering whether the time has not come to resort to the "ultimate reason" of self-defence. The attempt to put the responsibility of the present condition foolish and absurd, not to say contemptible and dishonest. In the House of Representatives, a movement was made at the beginning of the late session to obtain the informa necessary to enlighten Congress and the coun try with regard to the Ostend conference. The Government defeated the call, and the organ of the Government boasted of the defeat of that attempted inquiry as an Administration triumph. Congress had no power to act, roll and Belnap, but it is very close and doubtfor it had no information to act on; and, therefore, we say that the present condition of the Cuban question has grown out of mismanaged diplomacy.

TRUE POETRY .- We met with the following motto round a bon bon the other day-the most original we ever read :

"Love is a fire that burns and sparkles."

Man, in whatever condition found, has sense of religion. In the highest state of civilization, or the lowest depths of barbarism, he is still a religious being. If the much quoted pher, who described man as "an animal has who cooks his own food," had described him as a being with a sense of religion, the description would have been more accurate. But to turn from serious to light things.

The Egyptians worshipped the ichneumon, one place the crocodile, in another place the monkey is the deity. But politicians as well but as yet no depredations have been committed. They passed through an encampment of about one hundred and fifty lodges of Sioux, time, in this country-this free country-in which men have not been wont to meet in Jones. Colonel Bridges came with the mail secret and speak in whispers, that has its pe- from Fort Laramie, and also Mr. and Mrs. Barculiar ceremonies. Its ritual is an incomprehensible jargon, its ceremonies are (if reports may be credited) far more absurd than the extremest ceremonies of the Catholic Ch.n ch, which they so much ridicule, their deity is George Law, their Prophet the New York Herald, and their object, the heaven of Government plun-

The most absurd political movement that ever occurred in this country is that in favor of Mr. George Law's political and Presidential of Mr. George Law's political and Presidential of the men, without distinction of party, who have aided in establishing the sound constitute to the country. He has rendered none. He tional principles of the compromise of 1850 has never been a statesman. But they are endeavoring to operate on mechanics, by representing him as a sympathizer with mechanics. They call him "live oak George Law." They begin already to imitate the base nomenclatur that prevailed in other canvasses. But that nomenclature was based on realities, this has no

Mr. Law's muskets and Mr. Law's Presi dential aspirations are about on the same foot-

HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

We have not much faith in any combination of piety and politics. We have scarcely any ce in the efficacy of prayers paid for by the Government, or in fasts appointed by the civil authorities. All these things savor too much of what, to us, is indiscribably edious the union of Church and State. Governments should not be instituted either to preach or to

pray. They should be instituted to accomplish far different ends. The people ought to be pious, and the church, which is but a voluntary association of religious people, under Heaven, ought to appoint its fasts and its days for prayer and humiliation.

There is no law that requires any President, Governor or Mayor, or other civil authority to appoint days of thanksgiving and prayer, nor is there any law that ever recommends it to any officer of any government, State or Federal, to starve the people, even for a day.

We are aware that the motives that lead Presidents and other rulers to appoint days of fasting and prayer are pure and pious. They are also frequently the result of applications made to them in that behalf, by ministers and

We think that the church, which is a religious and voluntary association of people should manage these matters without any interposition on the part of the State.

We, however, do not remember having ever seen any such exercise of authority that we are so inclined to approve as that of the Governor

ing.

The above reward will be paid at the clerk's office of the "Union," on the arrest and conviction of the burglar, thief and incendiary.

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of Alabama. It is as follows: "MOBILE, March 8, 1855. TESSES, BRITTAN & BLUE-

"Gentlemen: At the suggestion of some intelligent and devout gentlemen, and in compli-ance with myown sense of propriety, under the peculiar circumstances in which we find our-selves placed, both as regards our pecuniary and domestic affairs, and the gloomy aspect of the political relations of the southern States whose religious position it more properly be-comes to move in spiritual affairs. It well becomes to move in spiritual affairs. It well becomes every one whose political lot has been
cast in this section of the Union, to examine
prayerfally the end to which political fanaticism at the north is so rapidly tending, and to
implore Him who indued the stern men, the
fathers of our republic, with fortitude, patriotirm and window to conduct our infant recole ism, and wisdom to conduct our infant people through the difficulties of the revolutionary struggle and the establishment of a constituselves, in whatever emergency we may be placed, so as not to reflect disgrace upon our ancestors.

JOHN A. WINSTON."

"Humiliation" is the fit word with which to describe the feelings that southern men should experience, when they remember that a clandestine organization, which sprang up in reject it, the whole matter is inexplicable. We the North, and in the North has passed under the control of the Abolitionists, has risen up in their midst and ambitiously aspires to establish itself on the ruins of the other parties.

The above letter from Governor Winston, it is true, does not distinctly define the precise occasion for appointing a day of humiliation and prayer. But there are expressions in the letter & Co., Philadelphia. Please call early, as they that sufficiently denote "Know-nothingism" as promptly abandoned, disavowed and disowned. the main cause. If Governor Winston can We can make due allowances for the ambition only prevail upon the Know-nothings to acof individuals and for the hatred and jealousies knowledge, before high heaven, that they are ns and humiliated, he will do a memorable and signal

of the Cuban question on the last Congress is by the Know nothings, Whigs, and Freesoilers,

del, Montgomery and Howard.

Very Late from Utah Territory. INDEPENDENCE, March 14.—The party which went out with the Salt Lake mail in January, returned yesterday. They report that Captain Steptoe, who was appointed Governor of Utab, has neither accepted nor declined that station yet. Brigham Young was still Governor de

They left Salt Lake City on the 8th ultimo Snow very deep on the mountains, and difficult travelling. They met the party which went out in February at Scott's Bluff, getting on besides an infinity of other untold deities. In prosperously. They met with no disturbance from the Indians. They report that several tribes are disaffected, and threaten hostilities,

without molestation. The mail party was conducted by Mr. Jesse rada, of St. Joseph.

egislature have adopted the following resolu-ions by a nearly unanimous vote. "Resolved, That we herewith endorse the principles enunciated in the bill organizing the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas; that we rejoice that the geographical line between the northern and southern States has been erased, leaving the people of every State and Territory free to control their domestic institutions; and that we commend the firm and patriotic course

"Resolved, furthermore, That we pledge our selves to oppose any unfair discriminations such as those of the late Missouri compromise but to protect and defend the rights of States, and the union of the States, and to advance and perpetuate the doctrines of popu-

In Dover, where J. P. Hale belongs, if anywhere in New Hampshire, the democrats gained FIFTY-NINE votes. In Congress in 1852, gained FIFTY-NINE votes. In Congress in 1852, Hale solemnly declared that, so long as there should flow in his viens the blood of his mother, who was the only child of an Irish exile named O'Brien, so long an Irish emigrant should never want words of encouragement or sympathy from him. If he had an impulse or a passion he said it was when an appeal was made to his heart for an Irish exile. Now his blood appears to be a mere decoction of k. a. pepper.

[Boston Post.

A WIDE-AWAKE EMPEROR.—The Emperor of Japan seems to have a sharp eye to his rights and privileges. He evidently is not a believer in "popular sovereignty." He direc-ted that all the American gold pieces which Mr. Burrows, who lately visited Jeddo bay gave to his subjects, should be returned. The interpreter discovered "Liberty" on them which alarmed the emperor.

in Worcester, Mass., that has long suffered the reputation of being haunted, was surrounded by the police on Monday evening, and nine spirits, with bodies to match, were taken out and marched to the station house. In the morning they were fixed these dellars as here morning they were fined three dollars each, for a breach of the peace.

The Emma Moore mystery at Rochester is ended, the body of the missing girl having been found yesterday under the ice in the river.—New York Tribune of yesterday.

\$250 REWARD.—The "Union Bin-dery," in Naylor's Building, corner E and 134 streets, was last night burglariously en-tered, and a large amount of property destroyed and stolen, and attempts made to fire the build-

GREAT ATTRACTION.

STEWART'S Gallery, Pennsylvania aveue, over Galt's Jewelry Store.
Pictures in best quality of cases from 50 cents and upwards. i invite the public to call and judge for them-March 17—dlmo

selves. HOUSE WANTED.—The advertiser desires to engage a small and convenient tene-nent of six or seven rooms, located upon the north side of Pennsylvania avenue. Rent not to exceed \$225. A good tenant and prompt payment. Address D, Box 152, City Post Office. March 17—3t\*

TO PERSONS ENTITLED TO BOUNTY LAND.

Under the Act of Congress, March 3d, 1855. AVING prepared a supply of blank forms suitable for every description of applications for land warrants, the subscriber is prepared to furnish claimants, per mail, or otherwise, with the necesclaimants, per mail, or otherwise, with the necessary forms (and instructions as to the required evidence) for obtaining bounty land warrants granted under the "act of Congress, March 3d, 1855." All persons having served in any capacity in the army or navy while engaged in any of the wars of this country, (if dead, their widows or minor children,) are entitled to 160 acres of land, or the proportion, if they have received less than that amount under any previous act.

Claims of all descriptions prosecuted before any

Claims of all descriptions prosecuted before any of the Departments of the General Government.

Agents at a distance will find it greatly to their advantage to correspond with the aigned. E. WAITE,
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will be returned in a few days. I have a fine assortment of Boots on hand and for sale from the same establishment; also, of G. Benkert's and P. Conrad's make, of Philadelphia, as well as my own manufacture, comprising the largest and best selected stock of Boots that has ever been in the LOHN MILLS.

ected stock of Boots that has ever been in the narket. JOHN MILLS, Fashionable Bootmaker, Browns' Hotel. March 18-3t

The Boston Post says: "Beturns from 204 towns, upon a careful revision of tables, present the following results: Metcalf, k. n., 32,605; Baker, Dem., 26,717; Bell, Whig, 3,452; Powler, Abolition, 1,265. Metcalf's majority, 1,171. The towns to be heard from gave last year Baker 567, all others 114. They will probably reduce Metcalf's majority to about 700. The entire council, five in nunber, have been elected by the Know-nothings, Whigs, and Freesoilers, who supported the same candidates. The coalition have also carried ten of the twelve senators, a Democrate being elected in No. 12, and no choice in No. 6, which the opposition could not wholly unite upon. The house stands Democrats 79, opposition. Democratic county officers have chosen in Coos, and probably Carroll and Belnap, but it is very close and doubtful. The other seven counties probably coalition."

We are authorised to announce Colonel DANIEL JENIFER as a candidate for Congress, from the 6th Congressional district of Maryland, embracing the counties of St. Mary's, Charles, Prince Georges, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Montgomery and Howard,

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COOTT'S WEEKLLY PAPER.—The publisher of this large and popular family journa offers for the coming year (1854) a combination of the publy acming the coming year (1854) a combination of the publy and of the Philadelphia weeklies. Among the new fisher of this large and popular family journa offers for the coming year (1854) a combination of the publy and of the Philadelphia weeklies. Among the new fisher of the Saturday Courser, will all the calman tenses of original industes original popular family journa of the Philadelphia weeklies. Among the new fisher for the Philadelphia weeklies. Among the new fisher for the Philadelphia weeklies. Among the new fisher for the Philadelphia popular family journa offers for the Philadelphia weeklies. Among the new fisher for the Philadelphia published for fifty-six consecutive weeks of the American history deaths, Legenda

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ne of the examination, and the attention which e case excited. Umberfield and Murphy took a asty leave of the prison premises.

Those fellows had obtained possession of a piece a saw blade, with which they cut the iron box which covered the bolt of the door of their cell; ngeniously filling the crevices caused by the sawing with soap, to avert the least suspicion; intending, when all their plans were matured, to force away the box. This must have been their work on the Sabbath. They likewise partially cut an ron bar of their window, so that it might easily be emoved by means of a piece of board, which was made use of as a lever. By these contrivances they were enabled to reach the yard, on the north side; their cell being on the first floor. The next movement was to scale the wall, which set was as successfully accomplished. Drawing up the iron sucker-rod (twenty feet in length) of the pump, hey wrapped round it a rope made of a bed tick, eviously prepared; and thus were enabled climb to the coping, eighteen feet from the ground. The remainder of the performance—getting into he street-was then easily effected.

There were two other persons confined in the ell with them, but they remained behind, probably glad that their desperate companions had re-solved to unceremoniously depart. Umberfield and Murphy, who were provided, each, with a revolver, threatened to shoot the other two if they gave any alarm, which had the effect of intimida

How the convicts procured their saw, and pis

ols, is a secret not yet explained. In the course, of fifteen minutes from the time of the escape, the jailor and several of his assistants, together with Deputy Marshal Phillips, and nembers of the day and the night police forces, were in search of the fugitives; Mr. Hoover, the marshal, taking charge of the jail meantime-While some of them proceeded to the aqueduct and the Rockville road, others hastened toward Bladensburg and Alexandria, with a view to prevent the self-liberated prisoners from leaving the city. In an article, yesterday morning, we referred to In an article, yesteroay morning, we referred to
the insecurity of the jail; and the escape to which
we have above alluded may be mentioned as a
proof in support of our assertion.
Unberfield and Murphy had recently been sentenced to imprisonment, one year each, for knocking down a man, in open daylight, and robbing
him, in the vicinity of the President's House.

Soap and Dissolving Views .- After the exibition at Odd Fellows' Hall, the other night, of Dissolving Views," the speciators severally preented their checks to the janitor, who gave each I them, in turn, a little box; it having been adertised that valuable "gifts" were in some of the eight hundred boxes previously provided, accordng to the programme. Such an opening of boxes was, perhaps, never before seen in this meridian; men, women, and children being thus engaged. Although several valuable articles, including "a plendid gold watch." valued at the extraordinary um of thirty-five dollars! were dispensed, the arger number of adventurers obtained several ents' worth of soap; an article that never has een scarce in this metropolis. We heard a man ay that two dollars were invested by members of ais family in the speculation, and that they all got

They who returned home with the cakes of the compound of oil-acid and potassa, realized in their disappointed hopes "dissolving views" of glittering prizes.

"How are you off for soap ?" is a question which may now be answered to the inexpressible cleanliness is next to godliness."

Army Appointments .- In the list of appointnents and transfers to the four new regiments ecently authorized, appear the following : Tenth regiment of infantry, riflemen; first lieu

enant, Henry C. Maynadier, of the District of Coumbia; appointed second lieutenant February 29, 1852, first artillery; active service on Indian frontier. First commissioned, 1852.
Second lieutenant in the same regiment, Law-

ence A. Williams, of the District of Columbia; appointed June 22, 1854, fourth infantry; service on Indian frontier. First commissioned, 1852. Second regiment of cavalry; first lieutenant, Alexander H. Cross, of the District of Columbia; formerly first lieutenant voltigeurs; distinguished t battle of Chepultenec.

Second lieutenant in the same regiment, John T. Shaaf, of the District of Columbia, appointed econd lieutenant June 9, 1853, sixth infantry; ctive service on Indian frontier. First commis-

Juvenile Convict .- In the criminal court, esterday, a youth, aged about sixteen years, was ied and convicted of attempting to break into the hardware store of Mr. Linthicum, in Georgetown, several weeks ago. He had drilled holes in the door, and, through the aperture thus produced, nserted his hand, for the purpose of removing the bolt or fastening. While in the act, he was iscovered and arrested by the watchmen. Judge Crawford sentenced him to imprisonmen

n the county jail for a term of three years, the shortest period, we believe, for such an offence. The youth is of genteel appearance and has an ntelligent countenance.

The mere announcement of the criminal act he arrest, the conviction, and the sentence, in connection with the age of the offender, is a subject suggestive of deep reflection. At the time when his prospects ought to be the brightest in life, they are, alas! obscured by the gloom of a

The Poisoning Case.-Justices Morsell and Birch, on Monday night, examined, at the jail, into the charge against Delia Hazel and four other persons, of poisoning Mrs. Cassy Williams and the members of her household.

As we have heretofore stated, arsenic was prinkled over meat, of several kinds, on the premses of the last named; it having been left ou during the night to be kept cool, under a shed All of those who partook of the food are now, we learn, beyond danger from the effects of the

The evidence elicited is strongly circumstantial and justified the magistrates in holding the following parties to bail for their appearance at court Delia Hazel, Charlotte Tipsico, Catharine Montago, Pernella Skinner, and a boy named Othello Webster, the son of Mrs. Hazel. Another Death in Jall,-Frederick Krantz

German, who, in September, 1852, killed old black Tom, the cook at the jail, and who had ever since been in custody, died, on Monday night, in prison, of natural decay. He was never brought

Escape from Jall.—On Monday night, between eight and nine o'clock, two of the prisoners effected their escape.

At that time, Justices Morsell and Birch were investigating, in the jailor's office, the charge of poisoning made against Delia Hazel and others of her household; Mrs. Cassy Williams and several persons beside, being the victims.

Availing themselves of the temporary absence of the guard, whose eyes were turned toward the control of the guard, whose eyes were turned toward the control of the guard, whose eyes were turned toward the first of the sternion which has been so long needed, has attracted the attention of all sufferers from headache who have beard of it. From our own knowledge of Dr. Eastman's char of all sufferers from headache who have heard of it.

From our own knowledge of Dr. Eastman's char acterand practice, we have no doubt that the medicine deserves the favor it receives, and that it will prove to be a great benefit to all who may give it a trial.—Lynn News, December 23, 1853.

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May 23

Special Notice.—HENRY'S INVIGOR ATING CORDIAL.—The merits of this purely vegetable extract for the removal and cure of physical prostration, genital debility, nervous affection, &c., &c., are fully described in another column of this paper, to which the reader is referred \$2 per bottle, 3 bottles for \$5, six bottles for \$8, \$16 per dozen. Observe the marks of the general statement of the gener

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amounts, and, if justified, will attend to the collec-tions of claims in the adjoining counties.

If any reference is wauting, I would refer to the clerks of my county and the attorneys of the bar here. All communications must be post paid. Claims out of the State should be fully authenti-cated before sent to me for collection; I will colto trial for the murder, it being manifest that he was insane—if not at the time the fatal stab in the heart was inflicted, certainly shortly after that shocking eyens.

Mr. James T. Hall, of Alexandria county, Va., has been appointed one of the police officers of the Sent 12—1m.

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In Pursuance of the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide for executing the public printing." &c., approved August 26, 1852, sealed proposals will be received at this office, in the Capitol, until Wednesday, the 28th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, m., for furnishing the

All these papers to be made of the best mate-rials, and finished in the best manner and free from adulteration. A contract will be entered into for supplying the quantities stated, at such times as the public service may require; but the privilege is reserved of ordering a greater quantity of either kind, should a greater quantity be required, at such times and in such quantities as may be desmed

Samples of each kind of paper must accompany each bid, and all proposals and samples must be transmitted to this office free of postage or other

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Each proposal must be signed by the individual or firm making it, and must specify the price per pound and the consequent price per ream (and but one price) of each description of paper.

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will be taken into consideration unless substantially agreeing therewith.

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Each bidder is required to furnish with his proposals satisfactory evidence of his ability to execute it, and any proposals unaccompanied with such evidence will be rejected.

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